

CLAIMS

What is claimed and desired to be covered by Letters
Patent is:

1. An educational system for teaching a person how to tie shoes comprising:
 - a) a left foot tie-type shoe having
 - (1) a toe box,
 - (2) a right side flap,
 - (3) a left side flap,
 - (4) the right side flap being spaced apart from the left side flap and defining an opening between the right side flap and the left side flap,
 - (5) a tongue located between the right side flap of said left foot tie-type shoe and the left side flap of said left foot tie-type shoe and spans the opening of said left foot tie-type shoe,
 - (6) a plurality of right side eyelets defined through the right side flap of said left foot tie-type shoe adjacent to the opening of said left foot tie-type shoe,
 - (7) a plurality of left side eyelets defined

- through the left side flap of said left foot tie-type shoe adjacent to the opening of said left foot tie-type shoe,
- (8) an outsole which is located on the bottom of said left foot tie-type shoe when said left foot tie-type shoe is worn,
 - (9) a heel,
 - (10) a left side quarter panel extending between the left side flap of said left foot tie-type shoe and the heel of said left foot tie-type shoe,
 - (11) a right side quarter panel extending between the right side flap of said left foot tie-type shoe and the heel of said left foot tie-type shoe, and
 - (12) said left foot tie-type shoe being located on the left foot of a wearer when in use;
- b) a right foot tie-type shoe having
- (1) a toe box,
 - (2) a right side flap,
 - (3) a left side flap,
 - (4) the right side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe being spaced apart from the left side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe

and defining an opening between the right side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe and the left side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe,

- (5) a tongue located between the right side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe and the left side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe and spans the opening of said right foot tie-type shoe,
- (6) a plurality of right side eyelets defined through the right side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe adjacent to the opening of said right foot tie-type shoe,
- (7) a plurality of left side eyelets defined through the left side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe adjacent to the opening of said right foot tie-type shoe,
- (8) an outsole which is located on the bottom of said right foot tie-type shoe when said right foot tie-type shoe is worn,
- (9) a heel,
- (10) a left side quarter panel extending between the left side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe and the heel of said right foot

- tie-type shoe,
- (11) a right side quarter panel extending between the right side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe and the heel of said right foot tie-type shoe, and
 - (12) said right foot tie-type shoe being located on the right foot of a wearer when in use;
- c) a left foot tie lace accommodated in all of the eyelets of said left foot tie-type shoe, said left foot tie lace being one-piece and monolithic and having
- (1) a first end,
 - (2) a second end,
 - (3) a midpoint located midway between the first end of said left foot tie lace and the second end of said left foot tie lace,
 - (4) a left hand portion of said left foot tie lace extending between the first end of said left foot tie lace and the midpoint of said left foot tie lace,
 - (5) a right hand portion of said left foot tie lace extending between the second end of said left foot tie lace and the midpoint of said left foot tie lace,

- (6) a left hand color on the left hand portion of
said left foot tie lace between the first end
of said left foot tie lace and the midpoint
of said left foot tie lace,
 - (7) a right hand color on the right hand portion
of said left foot tie lace between the second
end of said left foot tie lace and the
midpoint of said left foot tie lace, and
 - (8) the left hand color being different from the
right hand color;
- d) a right foot tie lace accommodated in all of the
eyelets of said right foot tie-type shoe, said
right foot tie lace being one-piece and monolithic
and having
- (1) a first end,
 - (2) a second end,
 - (3) a midpoint located midway between the first
end of said right foot tie lace and the
second end of said right foot tie lace,
 - (4) a left hand portion of said right foot tie
lace extending between the first end of said
right foot tie lace and the midpoint of said
right foot tie lace,
 - (5) a right hand portion of said right foot tie

- lace extending between the second end of said right left foot tie lace and the midpoint of said right foot tie lace,
- (6) a left hand color on the left hand portion of said right foot tie lace between the first end of said right foot tie lace and the midpoint of said right foot tie lace,
 - (7) a right hand color on the right hand portion of said right foot tie lace between the second end of right left foot tie lace and the midpoint of said right foot tie lace, and
 - (8) the left hand color of said right foot tie lace being identical to the left hand color of said left foot tie lace and being different from the right hand color of said right hand tie lace, the right hand color of said right hand tie lace being identical to the color of the right hand color of said left hand tie lace;
- e) said left foot tie lace being positioned in the eyelets of said left foot tie-type shoe with the midpoint of said left foot tie lace being located between and adjacent to the eyelet of the right side flap of said left foot tie-type shoe which is

closest to the toe box of said left foot tie-type shoe and the eyelet of the left side flap of said left foot tie-type shoe which is closest to the toe box of said left foot tie-type shoe, the left hand portion of said left foot tie lace extending through every other eyelet of the eyelets of said left foot tie-type shoe, the left hand portion of said left foot tie lace extending through the eyelet on the left side flap of said left foot tie-type shoe that is located farthest away from the toe box of said left foot tie-type shoe to be positioned on the left side of said left foot tie-type shoe when said left foot tie-type shoe is worn, and the right hand portion of said left foot tie lace extending through all of the eyelets of said left foot tie-type shoe which are not occupied by the left hand portion of said left foot tie lace, the right hand portion of said left foot tie lace extending through the eyelet on the right side flap of said left foot tie-type shoe that is located farthest away from the toe box of said left foot tie-type shoe to be positioned on the right side of said left foot tie-type shoe when said left foot tie-type shoe is worn;

f) said right foot tie lace being positioned in the eyelets of said right foot tie-type shoe with the midpoint of said right foot tie lace being located between and adjacent to the eyelet of the right side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe which is closest to the toe box of said right foot tie-type shoe and the eyelet of the left side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe which is closest to the toe box of said right foot tie-type shoe, the left hand portion of said right foot tie lace extending through every other eyelet of the eyelets of said right foot tie-type shoe, the left hand portion of said right foot tie lace extending through the eyelet on the left side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe that is located farthest away from the toe box of said right foot tie-type shoe to be positioned on the left side of said right foot tie-type shoe when said right foot tie-type shoe is worn, and the right hand portion of said right foot tie lace extending through all of the eyelets of said right foot tie-type shoe which are not occupied by the left hand portion of said right foot tie lace, the right hand portion of said right foot tie lace extending through the

eyelet on the right side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe that is located farthest away from the toe box of said right foot tie-type shoe to be positioned on the right side of said right foot tie-type shoe when said right foot tie-type shoe is worn;

- g) a right hand marker on the right side flap of said right foot tie-type shoe to be on the right side of said right foot tie-type shoe when said right foot tie-type shoe is worn, said right hand marker having a color that is identical to the color of the right hand portion of said right foot tie lace, said right hand marker being in the shape of a right hand and including an indicia in the shape of an "R";
- h) a left hand marker on the outsole of said left foot tie-type shoe, said left hand marker having a color that is identical to the color of the left hand portion of said left foot tie lace, said left hand marker being in the shape of a left hand and including an indicia in the shape of an "L";
- i) a right hand color on the right side quarter panel of said right foot tie-type shoe, the right hand color of said right foot tie-type shoe being

- identical to the color of the right hand portion of said right foot tie lace;
- j) a left hand color on the left side quarter panel of said right foot tie-type shoe, the left hand color of said right foot tie-type shoe being identical to the color on the left hand portion of said right foot tie lace;
 - k) a right hand color on the right side quarter panel of said left foot tie-type shoe, the right hand color of said left foot tie-type shoe being identical to the color of the right hand portion of said left foot tie lace;
 - l) a left hand color on the left side quarter panel of said left foot tie-type shoe, the left hand color on said left foot tie-type shoe being identical to the color on the left hand portion of said left foot tie lace; and
 - m) an instructional video showing how to tie shoes using said left foot tie lace and said right foot tie lace as well as said right hand marker and said left hand marker.